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Do you have a pet that is a ‘friends forever’ kind of friend?
FACC Seeks Nominations for the Fourth Annual Hero Awards

PHOENIX, Ariz.– Every once in awhile we find a friend who is there for every pitfall and triumph; whose heroism rears its head in times of crisis and whose devotion celebrates in times of success. These are our ‘friends forever’... and often times these friends come with a little fur.

Thanks to Friends of Animal Care & Control’s (FACCs) Fourth annual Hero Awards, we have the chance to honor and recognize our beloved pets. FACCs is calling for nominations of local pet heroes that have shown that they are friends forever. The nominees will be honored at the Fourth Annual Hero Awards, dedicated to recognizing local dogs and cats for heroic efforts of service or personal survival.

“Our past Heroes inspire laughter and tears and remind us of the special bond between humans and animals,” said Ann Damiano, chair of the Hero Awards. “We look forward to honoring the 2006 cats and dogs in Maricopa County that are our friends forever.”

The 2006 Heroes will be honored at a gala fundraising event sponsored by PETsMART, on **October 28, 2006, at the J.W. Marriott at Desert Ridge**. Renowned jeweler, Cornelis Hollander, is designing custom medals for the winners. Proceeds from the event help fund many special programs of Maricopa County Animal Care and Control (MAC&C) including spay/neuter events, volunteer programs and extra support for animals in their facilities.

To nominate a cat or dog that has acted to save or protect a life , performed services to benefit the community or overcome devastating circumstances for their own survival, log on to www.azfaccs.org. Nominations are due by July 31st.

For information on how you can attend the 2006 Hero Awards, or for sponsorship opportunities, visit www.azfaccs.org, or call 602.840.2843.